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This filing is in response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2002. A notice of appeal was filed and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 8, 2002. Accompanying this amendment is a Request for Continued Prosecution and a Petition for Extension of Time, containing checks for payment of the appropriate fees, extending the period for response by five months, to and including **Thursday, May 8, 2003**. It is believed that no fees, other than the fees for the RCE and the extension, are due in connection with this filing. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any such fees, including any extension fees or other relief as may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Docket A-65680-4; Our File 467135-141/RFT/SPL). Reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is kindly solicited.